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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or more servers configured to:  
generate an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer;  
define a set of metadata attributes relating to media files to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;  
compile a plurality of media files for use with said interface;  
associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files; and  
map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location the specific locations in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each of said media files of said plurality; and  
display the interface for a user.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the plurality of media files is compiled from more than one source.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the one or more servers are further configured to generate a media player interface for experiencing the media content.
4. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or more servers configured to:  
associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata attributes with a plurality of media files; and  
utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an interface; and

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map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said associated the media attributes appears appear in its respective predetermined the same location in said the interface for each media file of said the plurality of media files.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4 further comprising: a local database for storing the metadata attributes.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4 wherein the plurality of media files is provided by more than one source.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of providing media content to a plurality of users over a network comprising:  
compiling a data file that contains one or more sequentially placed unique identifiers which identify one or more media files; and  
determining whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged,  
determining a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to one or more media files based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged,  
determining the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more media files based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file, allowing the plurality of users to access the one or more media files out of sequence.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on some criteria.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is compiled manually.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.
12. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content to a plurality of users comprising one or more servers configured to:  
compile a data file that contains one or more sequentially placed unique identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content; and  
determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file. allow the plurality of users to access the one or more media files out of sequence.

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13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is automatically compiled.
14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.
15. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is compiled manually.
16. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.
17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising computer code for providing content to a user over a network, the computer code to configure one or more processors to:  
compile a data file that contains one or more ~~sequentially placed~~ unique identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content; and  
determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and  
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file. ~~allow a user to access the one or more items of content within the data file out of sequence.~~

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18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a title for the media file.
21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a description for the media file.
22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a duration for the media file.
23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise an expiration date for the media file.
24. (Currently Amended) A method of providing media content in a network comprising the steps of:  
generating an interface at a site on said network[,]  
for display on a user computer;  
authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;  
defining a set of metadata attributes relating to media files to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;  
compiling a plurality of media files for use with said interface, wherein said plurality of media files comprises only the user's authorized media content;  
associating metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file; and

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mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location from the set of metadata attributes to the specific locations in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each media file of said plurality; and  
~~displaying user interface for said user.~~

25. (New) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or more servers configured to:
- generate an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality of media files, selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;
  - define a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific location in said interface;
  - compile said plurality of media files;
  - associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files;
  - map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, so that, in said interface for said user, each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each media file of said plurality of media files.
26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files

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identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
28. (New) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or more servers configured to:
- associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata attributes with a plurality of media files;
  - utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an interface for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of said plurality of media files, selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each media file identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each media file identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface; and
  - map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined location in said interface for each media file of said plurality of media files.
29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

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30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
31. (New) A method of providing media content in a network comprising the steps of:
- generating an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality of media files, selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;
  - authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;
  - defining a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;
  - compiling said plurality of media files for use with said interface;
  - associating metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file;
  - mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each media file of said plurality; and
  - filtering said plurality of media files based on said user's authorization to access certain media content such that said user interface includes selectable indicia for only those media files corresponding to said certain media content.



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32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.
33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
34. (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
determining media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.
35. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein said one or more servers are further configured to:  
determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.
36. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer code further comprises computer code to configure one or more processors to:  
determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

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